

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing in regards to the FCC considering removing the requirement that phone companies offer individual ISP's DSL service. I think this would be a travesty! How could you knowingly help create a monopoly such as this? The phone companies, the 4 or 5 that would benefit from this, would have total freedom to play with rates and not have to worry about customer service.

Who would they have to compete with? Themselves? The whole idea is absolutely unfair and only benefits these huge corporations, not the millions and millions of regular people, like myself, who depend on their local providers for good internet service, not to mention, enjoy the personal attention each of us has because that company wants to keep our business. I can tell you from experience that large phone companies like BellSouth do not exercise the same courtesy because they can afford to lose customers. Please, do not allow this to happen, people need and love their local ISP's, they are good for communities and job markets, don't give them a death sentence by not allowing them to compete with these giants in a monopolized business community.

Sincerely,

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